

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, may I ask a question of Senator Maresh?

SPEAKER: Senator Maresh, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Maresh, I want you first to realize we're all interested in safety but I wonder if you might give an explanation of the bill as to who asked for it and why and if it isn't covered under rules and regulations at the present time. I'm a little concerned about putting in the statutes something that should be covered under rules and regulations from a department.

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, this is, this bill was called to my attention by a man that operates antique boilers in my district and he worked with the State Boiler Inspector, Ralph Shaw and they are the ones that worked this, went into the bill drafter, had the bill drafted and they feel that there is a danger these antique boilers, caused this incident in South Dakota where the boiler exploded, they feel that it is necessary that these boilers be periodically inspected and also, in 1971 we had a bill here, I believe Senator Ziebarth and Senator Carstens were the sponsors of this bill which called for the hydrostatic testing and I believe Senator Carstens maybe could have some input on this.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, I, I'm concerned because I think this is all covered by rules and regulations at the present time. When did this boiler explode in South Dakota?

SENATOR MARESH: I can't tell you for sure but this was brought to my attention that this had happened at one time. I can't tell exactly the year but I don't think it's too far back.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, don't misunderstand me, now, we want all the safety we can possible get, possibly get, but I'm concerned as to whether or not this isn't already covered and if we put it in the statute, we might get something in there that they desire to change in the interim and we won't be able to change it until the next legislative session. Did you say someone else could put light on this?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Senator Fred Carstens, I think he could have some input on this.

SPEAKER: Senator Fred Carstens, do you care to respond? We have before the body, of course, Senator Maresh's motion to introduce another bill.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Well, all this bill does as I understand, well, in fact, I know I understand it, is it repeals the bill which we passed last session permitting hydrostatic testing of steam boilers, mostly in the antique classification; apparently they now decided that hydrostatic testing is not adequate and is not a guaranty to safety. Now, I don't know why this isn't in the regulations. I can't answer that, but maybe we haven't delegated to the Boiler Inspectors sufficient authority to do this, now, I don't recall what substitute, I think it's a hammer inspection that they are going to substitute, they pound on the boiler plate to see if there are any holes in it and, but anyway, they're going to do away with the hydrostatic inspection because they feel it is misleading

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